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Applicants: Y. NAKAYA

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**AMENDMENT**

**MS Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
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October 27, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 27, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims**

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.